(c) No decision has so far been taken in this regard.

Cent per cent FDI in higher education

†35. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating approving cent per cent foreign direct investment in the field of higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all laws including reservation would be applicable on the said institutions which are applicable on domestic institutions;

(d) whether Government would reconsider the role of University Grants Commission in the field of higher education; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) There is no separate sectoral policy notified for the education sector. By virtue of Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated the 11th February, 2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, foreign direct investment is already allowed on automatic route in the Education Sector.

(c) to (e) A legislative proposal for the regulation of entry and operations, maintenance of quality and prevention of commercialization of education by foreign educational institutes in higher education is currently under consideration of the Government.

India in the UNESCO

36. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Global Monitoring Report published by UNESCO for 2006 has observed that India has improved its Education Development Index ranking;

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